



**Texas Department of Public Safety  
Texas Division of Emergency Management  
State Situation Report**

<b>Event Name</b>	Tropical System Harvey
<b>Date</b>	September 27, 2017
<b>Time</b>	7 AM
<b>Operational Period</b>	7 AM 09/26/17 – 7 AM 09/27/17
<b>Report Number</b>	36

<b>Regions Affected</b>	
<b>DPS Regions Affected</b>	1, 2, 3 and 6
<b>DDC's Active</b>	4B, 15, 16B and 20

**STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:** Residents continue to return to their communities to assess their losses. Evacuees that were transported out of the affected areas to the safety of shelters are being transferred to shelters closer to home, to allow them to start the recovery process. FEMA has established Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) in the affected communities to assist the survivors of this historic incident.

Governor Abbott extended the proclamation suspending Hotel and Motel Tax during Harvey Recovery on September 21, 2017 for a period of 30 days beginning September 23, 2017 and ending on October 23, 2017.

Governor Abbott renewed the disaster proclamation for all 60 counties on September 20, 2017.

The President has amended the federal declaration for the State of Texas to provide additional disaster assistance available to the state. This increases federal funding for Public Assistance projects as a result of Hurricane Harvey beginning on August 23, 2017, and continuing.

President Trump has amended the Texas Disaster Declaration to make additional disaster assistance available to the State of Texas. This action authorizes 90% Federal cost share for debris removal, and 100% Federal cost share for emergency protective measures for 30 days from the start of the incident period and then a 90% cost share thereafter.

Governor Abbott has issued a suspension of specific vehicle titling and registration requirements for the next 45 days in the 58 counties specified in the state's disaster declaration. As a consequence, vehicle titling and registration expirations are suspended in order to relieve that burden upon Texans. Law enforcement will not issue citations for expired registration in all affected counties until October 16, 2017.

Governor Abbott issued a disaster declaration for the counties of: Angelina, Atascosa, Aransas, Austin, Bastrop, Bee, Bexar, Brazos, Burleson, Caldwell, Cameron, Calhoun, Chambers, Colorado, Comal, Brazoria, DeWitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzalez, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kerr, Kleberg, Lavaca, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Live Oak, Madison, Matagorda, Montgomery, Newton, Nueces,

Orange, Refugio, San Patricio, Polk, Sabine, San Jacinto, Tyler, Trinity, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Washington, Wharton, Willacy and Wilson.

Governor Abbott requested and was approved for a Presidential Disaster Declaration for the following counties: Aransas, Austin, Bastrop, Bee, Brazoria, Calhoun, Chambers, Colorado, DeWitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Karnes, Kleberg, Lavaca, Lee, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Polk, Refugio, Sabine, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Tyler, Victoria, Walker, Waller and Wharton counties for Individual Assistance and assistance with debris removal and emergency protective measures (Categories A and B), including direct federal assistance, under the Public Assistance program.

Bexar, Dallas, Tarrant and Travis counties are eligible for emergency protective measures (Category B), including direct federal assistance, under the Public Assistance program.

Public Assistance (Categories C-G) including Direct Federal Assistance have been added to FEMA-4332-DR-TX for Aransas, Brazoria, Calhoun, Chambers, Colorado, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Polk, San Jacinto, Tyler, Victoria, Walker, Waller and Wharton Counties.

#### **OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:**

1. Sheltering and temporary housing.
2. Debris removal.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

#### **Region 1 (Includes DDCs 4, 5, 6, and 22)**

**DDC 4B Garland** EOC is at Level III. The district will maintain two shelters until repopulation can be completed.

#### **Region 2 (Includes DDCs 13, 14, 15, 16 Houston, 16 Texas City, 16 Conroe, and 16 Pierce)**

**DDC 14 Lufkin:** Continuing to support recovery operations.

**Jasper/Newton/Sabine County:** EOC is at Level III. FEMA has DRCs open in Jasper and Newton counties.

**Polk County:** FEMA has a DRC open in the City of Livingston.

**San Jacinto County:** FEMA has a DRC open in the City of Coldspring.

**DDC 15 Beaumont:** EOC is at Level III.

**Hardin County:** EOC is at Level III. FEMA has a DRC open in the City of Sour Lake.

**Jefferson County:** EOC is at Level III. FEMA has DRCs open in the cities of Beaumont and Port Arthur.

**Orange County:** EOC is at Level III.

## **DDC 16A Houston**

**Chambers County:** EOC is at Level III. FEMA has a DRC open in the City of Anahuac

**Harris County:** EOC is at Level IV. FEMA has 11 DRCs open in Harris County.

**City of Houston:** EOC is at a Level III.

## **DDC 16B Texas City:** EOC is at Level III.

**Brazoria County:** EOC is at Level II. City of Richwood's curfew remains in effect from 10 PM to 6 AM. FEMA has a DRC open in the City of Oyster Bay.

**Galveston County:** EOC is at Level III. FEMA has DRCs open in the cities of Dickinson and League City.

## **DDC 16C Conroe**

**Montgomery County:** FEMA has DRCs open in the cities of Magnolia and Conroe.

**Waller County:** FEMA has a DRC open in the City of Brookshire.

## **DDC 16D Pierce**

**Colorado County:** FEMA has a DRC open in the City of Columbus.

**Fort Bend County:** EOC is at Level III. FEMA has DRCs open in the cities of Katy, Missouri City and Simonton.

**Matagorda County:** EOC is at Level III. FEMA has a DRC open in Bay City.

**Wharton County:** FEMA has a DRC open in the City of Wharton.

## **Region 3 (Includes DDCs 19, 20, 21, and 24)**

**DDC 20 Corpus Christi:** EOC is at Level III with only day time operations. A beach curfew is in effect from dusk to dawn.

**Aransas County:** EOC is at Level III. The City of Aransas Pass has a curfew from 11 PM to 6 AM. FEMA has a DRC open in the City of Rockport.

**Nueces County:** EOC is at Level III. City of Port Aransas curfew remains in effect from 12 AM to 6 AM. FEMA has DRCs open in the Cities of Port Aransas and Robstown.

**Refugio County:** The curfew continues from 10 PM to 6 AM. FEMA has a DRC open in the City of Refugio.

**San Patricio County:** EOC at Level II. FEMA has a DRC open in the City of Ingleside.

## **Region 6 (Includes DDCs 11, 23, 12, 17, and 18)**

**DDC 12 Austin:** Continuing to support recovery operations. FEMA has DRCs open in: Bastrop and Fayette counties.

**DDC 17 Victoria:** FEMA has DRCs open in: Calhoun, Goliad, Jackson and Victoria counties.

**Shelters Activated:**

County	# of Shelters	Population as of September 27, 2017 as of 6:30 AM
Brazoria	2	61
Dallas	1	94
Galveston	1	3
Hardin	1	11
Harris	5	919
Jefferson	2	394
Liberty	2	30
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1,512</b>

**RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS  
STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED**

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Quantity	Status	Resource Location
DPS	THP	260	Activated	Various
DPS	CID/ICT	47	Activated	Various
HHSC	SOC-Ops (DADS, DFPS)	1	Activated	Austin
HHSC	SOC-Ops (HHSC)	1	Activated	Austin
HHSC	DFPS	6	Activated	Houston
SBTC	Feeding Unit	2	Activated	Harris County
SBTC	Shower/Laundry Unit	5	Activated	Harris County
SBTC	Water Treatment Unit	1	Activated	Harris County
SBTC	Kubota RTV	2	Activated	Harris County
SBTC	Chaplains	2	Activated	Harris County
SBTC	IMT	1	Activated	Harris County
SBTC	Support Unit	1	Activated	Harris County
SBTC	Clean Up/Recovery	9	Activated	Harris County
SBTC	Generator	2	Activated	Harris County
SBTC	Laundry Unit	1	Activated	Hardin County
SBTC	Support Unit	1	Activated	Hardin County
SBTC	IMT	2	Activated	Hardin County
SBTC	Water Buffalo	1	Activated	Hardin County
SBTC	Childcare Unit	1	Activated	Hardin County
SBTC	Shower/Laundry Unit	4	Activated	Jefferson County
SBTC	Water Treatment Unit	1	Activated	Jefferson County
SBTC	Cleanup/Recovery	2	Activated	Jefferson County
SBTC	Generator	2	Activated	Jefferson County
SBTC	Laundry Unit	1	Activated	Jefferson County
SBTC	Assessors	1	Activated	Jefferson County
SBTC	Chaplain	1	Activated	Jefferson County
SBTC	Shower/Laundry Unit	1	Activated	Liberty County

SBTC	Cleanup/Recovery	1	Activated	Liberty County
SBTC	Cleanup/Recovery	1	Activated	Orange County
SBTC	Generator	1	Activated	Orange County
SBTC	Shower/Laundry	1	Activated	Orange County
SBTC	Laundry	1	Activated	Orange County
SBTC	Assessors	1	Activated	Orange County
SBTC	Chaplain	1	Activated	Orange County
TFS	TFS Personnel	16	Activated	Various
TFS	TIFMAS Personnel	39	Activated	Various
TFS	TIFMAS Engines	11	Activated	Various
TxDOT	Debris Strike Teams	27	Assigned	Harris County
TxDOT	Debris Strike Teams	12	Assigned	Aransas County
TxDOT	Debris Strike Teams	3	Assigned	Montgomery County
TxDOT	Debris Strike Teams	5	Assigned	City of Seadrift

**Texas Workforce Commission (TWC):** TWC is accepting applications for Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) in all 39 counties under FEMA's disaster declaration. Individuals whose employment or self-employment was impacted by Hurricane Harvey who live in, work in, or travel through these counties can submit applications for DUA through October 31, 2017. People in affected areas can apply for unemployment benefits due to Hurricane Harvey or learn about Disaster Unemployment Benefits through TWC's website at <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/jobseekers/disaster-unemployment-assistance> or call a Tele-Center at 800-939-6631 and speak to a customer service representative. Tele-Centers are open over the weekend from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM each day and during the week from 7:30 AM to 6:30 PM. Additional information for job seekers and employers affected by Hurricane Harvey is available at <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/hurricane-harvey-resources>.

**Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS):** TFS has 16 responders assisting in various roles related to the Hurricane Harvey. Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) is providing local fire trucks and firefighters to support state emergency response operations. The program is currently staffing 39 firefighters with 11 fire engines from across the state. The Regional Staging Area (RSA) in Beeville has demobilized. Support locations have been set up along the Gulf Coast in an effort to provide assistance in coordinating response efforts of local disaster districts and EOCs. Support locations include Austin, College Station, Corpus Christi, and Aransas County. The TFS is formulating a plan to support a Disaster Reconstitution Plan for affected Texas fire agencies.

**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):** TCEQ and agency partners of the Natural Disaster Operational Workgroup (NDOW) are conducting orphan container recovery, drinking water and waste water on-site assessments, hazard evaluations, and oil discharge assessments. As of September 22, 2017, there are 48 public water systems (PWS) with boil water notices (BWN). A total of five PWS and nine wastewater treatment (WW) plants are currently inoperable. TCEQ has placed regulatory guidance along with PWS and Wastewater operational status on the TCEQ Webpage located at: <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/hurricanes>

TCEQ continues to receive and review temporary debris management sites for authorizations. Currently, 166 sites have been approved.

**Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS):** Currently has 260 personnel activated. General security duties in all affected area preventing and detecting looting and other crimes. DPS Personnel from the Texas Highway Patrol (THP) Division and Criminal Investigation Division

(CID) continue to assist in the affected area by providing general security, response to local agency calls, traffic direction and escorts of maintenance and other critical personnel as needed. THP is assisting HHSC with traffic control at various locations that are distributing D-SNAP benefits to persons in affected counties. Texas Division of Emergency Management State and District Coordinators throughout the state have been deployed to different jurisdictions for mission support.

**Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):** As of September 25, 2017, Texas local jurisdictions have received 41,585 doses of Tdap/Td/Tetanus, 6,820 doses of HepA, 150 doses of HepB and 4,170 doses of influenza vaccine to distribute to first responders and the general public. The Vector Control Team in the SMOC is coordinating ongoing aerial vector control efforts in targeted areas. Aerial vector control spraying operations occurred during the last operational period in the following counties: Aransas, Galveston, Jackson, Jasper, Montgomery, Newton, Polk, Sabine, and San Jacinto. All DSHS vector control aerial spraying is expected to conclude on September 26, 2017.

HHSC Emergency Services is hiring 200 staff to process Disaster Assistance Grants and is currently running a 24 hour operation 7 days a week. HHSC Emergency Services has the disaster helpline operational from 7 AM to 7 PM, 7 days a week to assist disaster survivors. Currently HHSC Other Needs Assistance has processed Total Grant payments issued: 239,616 Total: \$160,193,035.62

Texas will offer Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP) to residents in Aransas, Brazoria, Calhoun, Nueces, Polk, Refugio and San Patricio counties starting September 18/19, 2017 in addition to the 11 initial counties previously announced. Texas is now offering residents greater flexibility to apply in counties that are not necessarily their counties of residence. If families have been displaced from one of the 18 counties receiving D-SNAP and cannot travel back to their home county, they can go to any local HHSC benefits office across the state to apply for D-SNAP during the dates designated for their counties. For information on all 18 currently approved D-SNAP sites, go to [www.hhs.texas.gov/d-snap](http://www.hhs.texas.gov/d-snap) to find days and hours of operation.

Department of Family Protective Services (DFPS) is coordinating communication with evacuated and impacted regulated facilities and conservatorship families.

**Texas Education Agency (TEA):** Established a telephone hotline for parents in the Beaumont, Corpus Christi, Houston and Victoria areas to receive information regarding public education for students affected by Hurricane Harvey. Parents can get information on public education options for their student by calling: (512) 463-9603. The hotline is designed to assist families with questions about where to enroll children in school. They are staffed from 8 AM to 5 PM daily, including weekends.

TEA Website Resources Related to Hurricane Recovery:

Hurricane Harvey Resources for Parents: <http://tea.texas.gov/HarveyParentResources/>

Dealing with Disasters: Frequently Asked Questions:  
[http://tea.texas.gov/About TEA/Other Services/Weather and Disaster/Dealing with Disasters  
Frequently Asked Questions/](http://tea.texas.gov/About%20TEA/Other%20Services/Weather%20and%20Disaster/Dealing%20with%20Disasters%20Frequently%20Asked%20Questions/)

Hurricane Harvey Resources for School Systems: <http://tea.texas.gov/HarveyResources/>



**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):** TxDOT continues to work with federal, state and local partners from the JFO in response to Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts. There is currently one highway closed due to flooding and seven highways closed due to damage. Four damaged highways are expected to be re-opened by the end of the week as crews work to perform repairs. TxDOT currently has about 600 personnel from every District in the State working on debris removal operations. Debris removal operations continue to expand across the impacted areas with a total of more than 2,000,000 CF of debris being removed to date. TxDOT has mobilized to assist local jurisdictions with debris removal in the following areas: Aransas, DeWitt, Galveston, Hardin, Harris, Jefferson, Montgomery and Wharton Counties and the Cities of Bay City, Dickinson, Houston, Friendswood, League City, Palacios, Plum Grove, Rockport and Seadrift. TxDOT crews and contractors are also currently removing debris from the State Highway System in Aransas, Calhoun, Chambers, Galveston, Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Newton, Orange, Tyler and Victoria Counties.

**Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):** Response efforts to date have resulted in the combined rescue of 11,212 persons. TPWD is currently housing 84 evacuees in eight State Parks. Locally assigned State Park Police Officers are being tasked with evacuee management as needed.

**FINAL COMMENTS:** The State Operations Center (SOC) is at Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) as of 8 AM on September 12, 2017. The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

**The four levels of SOC activation are:**

- Level I (Emergency Conditions)
- Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
- Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Level IV (Normal Conditions)

*This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at:  
<https://www.dps.texas.gov/dem/sitrep/default.aspx>*

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